



A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year, and to thank the many organisations and individuals who have kept the copy "coming in" on such a regular basis.

Please note that the deadline for copy for the February 1983 issue is 10th. January 1983.

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CHRISTMAS AT KEW LIBRARY

Celebrations at the Library begin early in December with a number of parties for children. These parties are free, but tickets are needed for admission; these tickets are available from the desk staff some days ahead. A party for students from Glendonald, regular library borrowers, has also been planned.

Morning tea and Carols: On 13th. December, elderly borrowers will be entertained to morning tea, and carols will be presented by children from the Sacred Heart Primary School. This will commence at 11 a.m. in the Auxiliary Room, and everyone will be made welcome.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

CLOSED: 25th. December to 28th. December, inclusive.

OPEN: 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
 Wednesday 29th.,
 Thursday 30th.
 Friday 31st.

CLOSED: 1st. January to 3rd. January, inclusive.

Normal hours of opening resume
 Tuesday 4th. January, 1983.

Australia Day holiday: closed
 Monday 31st. January, but open as usual on Saturday 29th. and Sunday 30th. Jan.

COLLEGE WARD



Councillor Ivan Wade

I have resided in Kew for 31 interesting years. During this time I became a Councillor from 1966-1973 when I gave my time to serve the City in the best way I could, taking a broad and conscientious outlook on everything.

My term as Mayor from 1969-70 was most rewarding and interesting, then to be elected Mayor again the following year 70-71 was a great honour. During those years I worked hard to contribute what I could for the City of Kew. The Chamber of Commerce, The Advice Bureau and Early Planning for Retirement were some of the interests I contributed to in helping to start.

KEW TRAFFIC SCHOOL

It is again proposed to open the Traffic School for a two week period from the 17th. to 28th. January, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The Traffic School will operate purely as an informal activity centre and will not provide a care component. Therefore, children using the traffic School will be allowed to come and go as they please. Children are encouraged to bring along their own bikes, but bikes will be available at the Traffic School for those who require them.

Having a hand in being responsible for the fruition of the present Day Municipal Offices and Library, along with the Elder Citizens Buildings were most rewarding to me.

Pressure of business caused me to resign from Council in 1973. When I retired from business in 1978 I had the opportunity to return to Council so am enjoying the many challenges that confront one these days with so many changes in Local Government.

I have always done what I could to iron out ratepayers problems and hope to continue to give service when and where I can.

COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Plans for the forth-coming Community Carols by Candlelight function to be held in the forecourt of the Kew Civic Centre on Sunday 19th. December, from 8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. are well in hand.

This function promises to be a spectacular occasion. Wellknown Guest Artists will be participating together with the Kew Citizens' Band, which is an "A" Grade Band in

their 25th. year of service.

Candles will be on sale as people arrive. Some chairs will be available but those coming may prefer to bring their own rugs or groundsheets. In the event of inclement weather, this function will be held in the Civic Hall.

All citizens of Kew are encouraged to come and celebrate Christmas together.

NORTH KEW CAROL SERVICE

For the 10th. year the children of North Kew will visit older people in the area on Monday 20th. December between 6.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Accompanied by Father Christmas in a bus, they will sing Carols outside the home of anyone who wants to hear them. Please contact 861 9903 or 861 8758 if you know of such people.

North Kew children who are interested in joining the singers should phone the above. We will gather at the Willsmere Village Shopping Centre at 6.15 p.m. No collection is taken - **this is the gift of the children of North Kew to its older citizens.**

HYDE PARK Uniting Church Sunday School Anniversary

On Sunday 5th. December, Hyde Park Sunday School will be having their Anniversary Service at 11 a.m. The Preacher for the Service will be Mr. Paul Coyle. Please come along and give the children and teachers your support, a little encouragement can go a long way.

Although small in numbers Hyde Park continues to teach the Word of God to our little ones. The children give thanks by presenting a small play and some musical items to the congregation on their Anniversary each year. The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Bell, would welcome any child who would like to come along and join the classes, which are held each Sunday in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Susan Latu teaches the Kinder group.

Miss Bell takes the children up to 12 years and

Miss Jan Kleeman teachers the 13 to 15 age group.

Members of the Congregation take this opportunity of thanking the three ladies, long may they continue in this fine work.

What's doing in KEW for DECEMBER

- 1 The Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club meeting 7.30 p.m. - Guide Dogs Training Centre, Chandler Highway, Kew. Further information - Roy Morton Bus. 860 4444, A.H. Max Warren 859 3037 or J. Lathlean 836 8012.
- 2 East Kew Baptist Church - General Council 7 p.m. at Kew Baptist Church.
- 3 Uniting Church East Kew - Christmas Special in Church Hall, Normanby Road, from 7.45 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. approx. This is an evening of music, carol singing, fun and fellowship organised by the Parish Council Fellowship Committee - For information 859 5477.
- 4 Kew Little Athletics meet 9 a.m. Stradbroke Park.
- Sun. 5 Kew Skin Diving Club - 2nd. Aggregate Dive - 8 a.m. start. Meeting place depending on weather - Tel. 589 2330 or 232 7323 for info. Baptist Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. - Rev. Stan Simmons continues his series on God's Final Word, from Hebrews.
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- 11 Kew Little Athletics meet 9 a.m. Stradbroke Park. Asian Evangelical Fellowship - 6 p.m. meet in Baptist Church East Kew - open to all ethnic groups.
- Sun. 12 Mayoral B.B.Q. - Victoria Park. Baptist Church East Kew 10.30 a.m. - Sunday School end of year celebration - special singing by children. 7 p.m. Carol Service - all families welcome. Uniting Church East Kew - The 10.30 a.m. service will include special Christmas Music presented by the choir under leadership of Trevor Jones, Mus. B. As usual a warm welcome and an invitation to meet after the service, will be extended to all.
- 13 Lioness Club of Kew will hold their Christmas Dinner Party at Angelucci's Walpole Street, Kew - 7.00 -7.30 p.m. - Enquiries Mrs. V. Newbegin 859 8593.
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- 15 The Guide Dogs Toastmasters Club meeting 7.30 p.m.
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- 17 Kew Little Athletics Twilight meeting and B.B.Q. Tea at Stradbroke Park 5.30 p.m. Kew Skin Diving Club Christmas Party - for more details telephone 589 2330 or 232 7323. Uniting Church East Kew - Family service at 10.30 a.m. - Again a warm welcome will be extended to all.
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- 24 11.30p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be conducted in East Kew Uniting Church (Normanby Road) All welcome. For information regarding this service 859 1206.
- 25 9 a.m. Christmas Day a Special Service will be concluded in the Uniting Church East Kew - for info please contact 859 1206 Christmas Day Family Service at 9.30 a.m. - Baptist Church East Kew.
- Sun. 26 Baptist Church East Kew - 10.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. - Special Christmas Services for all age groups.
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- 31 Asian Evangelical Fellowship - Christmas celebration - 6 p.m. in Baptist Church East Kew Hall - All ethnic groups welcome.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

One playcentre has been organised for the holiday period, to run at the St. Paul's School from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. The playcentre will provide an activity programme from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a care component from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

TODDLERS PLAYGROUP

A toddlers playgroup has been organised with the Kew Uniting Church Playgroup, to run the following sessions during January:

Monday	10th.	17th.	24th.
Wednesday	12th.	19th.	26th.
Friday	14th.	21st.	28th.

These sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mobile Games, Art & Craft Activities

It is again proposed to run a number of New Games Tournaments including art and craft, throughout the Christmas Holidays in local neighbourhood areas during the last three weeks of January. It is proposed to utilize the New Games Trailer and "tour around the City" at various times, stopping wherever children are or just setting up in a local park and encouraging children and families to participate as well as setting up at various pre-publicized locations and times.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on these activities, please contact Peter Butler, M.R.O. Kew City Council 862 2466.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Kew Baptist Church will be holding a Holiday Club during the first week (December 21st. to 4th. January) and the last week of the summer school holidays.

This club is open to all children who this year were in Grade 3, (Year 3) up to those who have just completed Form 3, (Year 9) – inclusive.

Activities will include games, films, various sports (including volley ball, table tennis, pool etc.), b.b.q's, excursions and much more.

The Holiday Club will be held in the Kew Baptist Church Hall, Highbury Grove, Kew, between the hours of 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m., and there will be a charge of 50c per child per day.

Please ring Laurie Barton (861 5316) for further details.

INSTITUTE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A School holiday program is to be held from the 17th. – 28th. of January, organised by the Institute of Early Childhood Development.

The program will be held at St. Helliers Street, Abbotsford, and will offer a wide range of activities including kite-making, making cubbies, cooking, picnics and B.B.Q's, arts and crafts, and sport and games. The program only has room for thirty children and for applications those interested can phone Wendy

Smith on 861 9798 extension 57.

We feel that this would be of great interest to families living in the area. Unlike other programs, the one run by I.E.C.D. has extended hours – 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. and is offering activities and experiences to children from 5–12 years who enjoy a real challenge.

In addition students and staff are providing quality care and supervision at very reasonable rates.

HYDE PARK FELLOWSHIP

The A.G.M. of Hyde Park Fellowship will take place on Wednesday 1st. December at 2 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Throughout the year we have had many interesting speakers and seen some wonderful short films, we were privileged to see a short film of the "Passion Play" – our thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Carter for sharing this with us (we hope to have it again next year). During the year we were happy to have assisted various organisations in a small way – we were delighted with the response to our street stall which was held in April, proceeds went to help our friends in Tonga who had suffered because of a cyclone which had devastated many of the islands. We know this was greatly appreciated by the many letters we received.

Next year our Fellowship meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month so the first meeting of 1983 will be on Wednesday 9th. February at 2 p.m. Please come along and join us, our syllabus is now complete for 1983 and we have many interesting speakers coming along.

We give thanks to our minister, Rev. G. Harris – his knowledge and example is an inspiration to us all. To Miss Bell thank you for conducting the meetings so well, and to all concerned with KEWRIOSITY a very big thank you for publishing our notices each month. "May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you in the coming year" and may everyone have a safe and happy holiday.

KEW GARDEN CLUB

Members and friends of the Kew Garden Club and of the newly formed Native Plant Group, will get together at 8 p.m. on Thursday 9th. December at the Elder Citizens' Hall, Corner Childers Street and High Street for an end of the year celebration.

A prize will be awarded for the best floral decoration with a Christmas theme. There'll be games (more prizes!) other entertainment and a SLAP-UP SUPPER!

So if you're interested in gardens (native or exotic) or just plain hungry, join us and have some fun!

A SETTLER IN KEW

by Barbara Giles – Kew Historical Society

James Bonwick, author of *A Sketch of Boroondara*, brought his wife and children to Kew when he failed to make a fortune on the Gold Fields in the early 1850's.

He heard of a plot of land for sale in Kew and purchased a couple of acres 'in a pretty thick forest, with a close underwood of wattles. We could see through the trees one or two other tents or rude huts at a distance.'

The family's first impressions of their future home must have been mixed ones, for they spent most of a day in the attempt to find their block, on which they intended to put up their tent for the night.

"The forest was dense, and the Wattle underwood so thick as to be quite obstructive to the rays of the sun. As far as prospect was concerned, we might as well have been in a jungle. The drayman was naturally anxious to know the whereabouts of settlement, as the "shades of eve were falling fast." A light in the bush disclosed to us the interesting fact that there was a hermit in the solitude. Thence gathering fresh compass power, we tracked on to a pretty grassy knoll, beautifully dotted with lively Wattles, and more heavily timbered with broad spreading Peppermints.

Hoisting our canvas, a repast was taken, and the children were stowed away in their novel chamber for the night. No accident occurred beneath the starry gaze, excepting that an unmannerly bullock brushed against a tent line, nearly overwhelming us in a falling dwelling, and awakening terrors of attacking bush-rangers. The Opossums screamed to their own delight, and one dropped down upon our house, as if to resent the intrusion of man into his tranquil retreat. Night birds added to the diversion by their melancholy moans. The Laughing Jackass awoke us early with his merry note. The world was up, and we rose from our slumbers refreshed indeed by the soft airs and sweet odours of charming Boroondara."

Those soft airs and sweet odours must have filled James Bonwick with a lion's strength, for he goes on to tell us, 'My friend and I had to walk in some five or six miles to our duties in Melbourne, and walk back the same distance in the evening. For five months my family had only the shelter of a couple of tents . . . My two little boys and I walked with pail and other utensils, early every morning a mile and a half to the Yarra Yarra for water. 'One thinks of Mrs. Bonwick's washing, where did she do that? And of the child that died, was that during this period of hardship?

But things advanced fast in Kew those days. At the time of the Bonwick's arrival there were already some substantial homes, and soon our writer is saying that Kew is a favorite place of residence for Melbourne merchants and government employees, boasting an 'aristocracy' of men like the Chief Justice and others 'of colonial standing.'

'Rural retreats' were springing up on all sides. "Kew is unquestionably the prettiest place out of the dust of Melbourne. Its elevation is considerable, commanding a view of the vessels in the bay, and affording a noble sweep of vision over the Plenty and Dandenong Ranges. North-easterly the land suddenly falls, and presents a lap of beauty and so exposes more easily to view the distant and almost unequalled panorama. North-west the prospect is, if possible, even finer. Old Macedon comes into sight; cultivation in all luxuriance lies before one, and the busy haunts of men are beheld across the river. Kew property is rising rapidly in value. Land 3 or 4 years since worth but three or four pounds an acre, cannot be bought for less than three or four hundred pounds."

'Let us not,' says Bonwick, 'be thought too indulgent in praise of our Boroondara, the 'shady land' of the natives . . . We cannot but regard it as the most salubrious, agreeable and beautiful spot for a home. Within half an hour's reach of dusty Melbourne, it is supplied with the conveniences of civilised life, and amply

KEW LIONS CLUB PATRONS

The Kew Lions Club are most encouraged by the initial response by the Kew Business Houses to their newest project of obtaining financial support.

The Patron Scheme is to enlist the help of local business people who appreciate the work done by the Kew Lions Club, which includes both fund raising and community service work but who are unable to actively participate.

Anyone who may be interested in the Kew Lions Patron Scheme are asked to contact Ben Horin on 62 5430 or after hours on 861 9621.

Art Classes

Enrolments are now being received for art classes in oil and water colour painting in the Paton Memorial Church Hall, which will commence on the first week in February, 1983, on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

The hall is in Burke Road, near the corner of Cotham and Burke Roads, Deepdene. The classes will be of 2 hour duration, and a term will consist of 8 lessons – Fee \$10 per lesson.

Classes will be conducted by Donald Cameron. Enrol by posting a term's cheque to Ruth Hobbs, 40 Severn Street, Box Hill. Cheques to be made payable to Paton Memorial Church. **Enquiries 861 9000 – ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH WORK.**

provided with educational and moral appliances.' (Churches and schools we presume.)

'All hail to Boroondara, "There is a quiet spirit in these woods." 'All hail to Mr. Fenwick's horses, we would say, which took him his five miles, faster than we can commute at peak hour today.

He was not always to commute, he established and taught in, the Boroondara Boarding School, and with five others, built the Kew Independent Chapel. The profits of his 'Sketch' were devoted to Church extension in Kew.

It was the Independent Church which established the successful school later to become the National School and part of today's Peel Street School.

A lively gentleman, Mr Bonwick, who never ceased to praise Boroondara, 'with the colours of Paradise', says the *Colonial Spectator*.